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India - Communist China: The latest exchange of notes between New Delhi and Peiping does not appear to have moved the Sino-Indian border dispute any closer to solution. Press speculation about a possible settlement of the quarrel has been generated primarily by Chinese "approval" of an Indian suggestion to renew discussions on the border question, using as a basis the reports drafted in 1960 by border experts from both sides. However, India still stipulates that tensions must be eased and an "appropriate climate" created before discussions can take place, whereas Peiping denies that any conditions are necessary. Nehru, in reporting to Parliament on 6 August, termed the Chinese note "disappointing." Both sides thus continue to affirm the need for negotiations while remaining in disagreement on conditions which would make them possible.

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UK Defense: [Indications that Defense Minister Thorneycroft has started an overall reassessment of Britain's defense outlays are supported by his invitation to General Norstad to visit London on 8 August for talks with British defense officials. According to the US army attaché in London, strong rumors that such a reappraisal is in progress are current in British official and military circles. At the time of his appointment as defense minister in the recent reshuffle of the Macmillan government, Thorneycroft was expected to initiate changes in defense policies, but the speed with which he has done so seems to have taken British War Office planners by surprise.]

[While the British have not suggested specific subjects for the talks with Norstad--who leaves his NATO post in November--reports from the US army attaché in London and the US Embassy at Paris suggest that London may want to discuss ways to cut expenditures. These might include cutbacks in research and development projects and the scrapping of the Blue Water missile program.]

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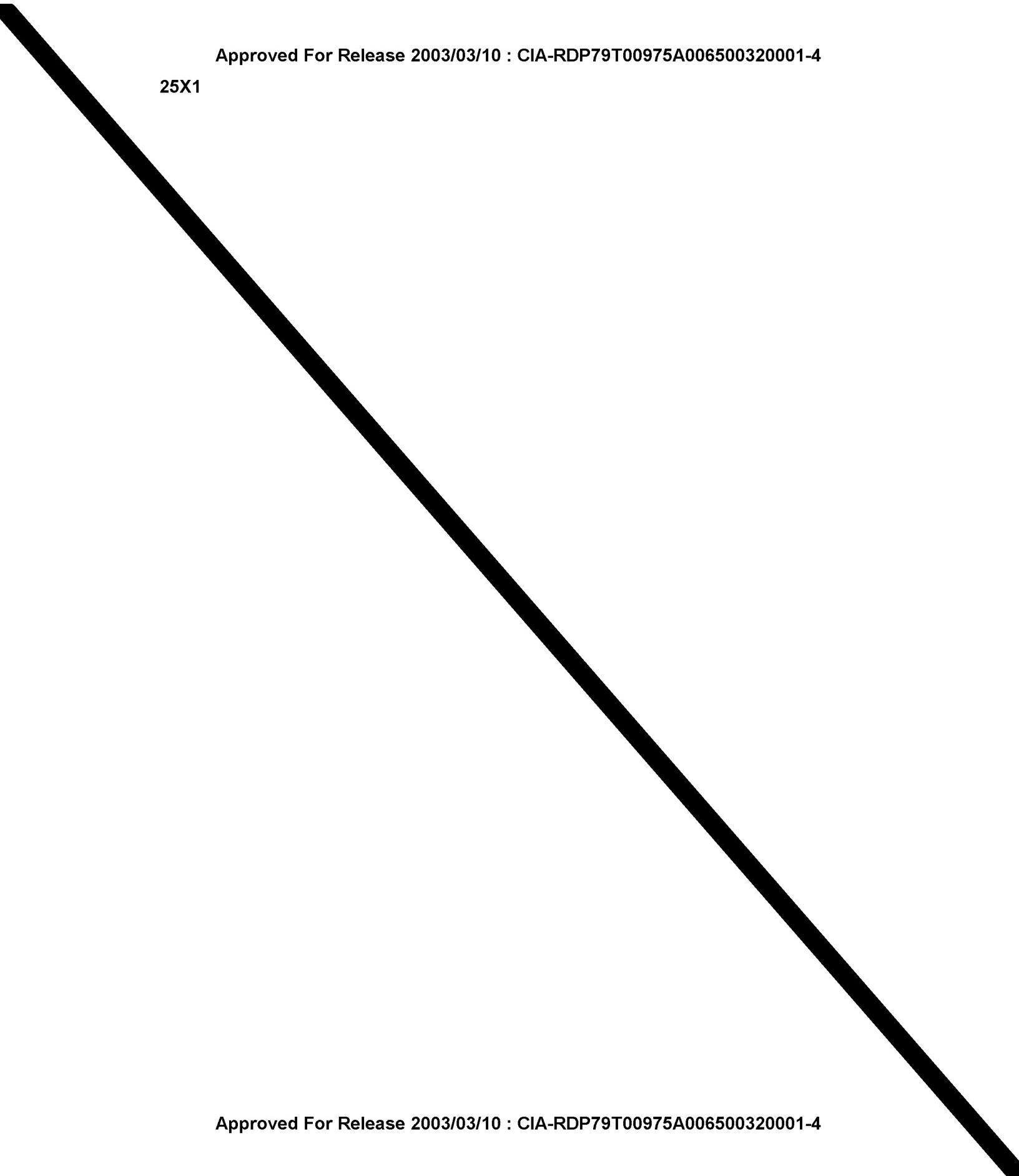
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